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Farm attractions in running for tourism awards

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Father Timney with Scouts Ciara and Dan Kirwen from the 37th Ormskirk (St Anne's) and fundraiser Caitlin Wilkinson

Church roof appeal tops £200k mark

PARISHIONERS at an historic church bidding to raise a mammoth sum of £500,000 to restore it to its former glory have passed a significant milestone by hitting the £200,000 mark.

The Grade II listed St Anne's Church in Prescot Road, Ormskirk suffered extensive damage in 2014 caused by water pouring in through a leak in the roof.

An appeal to repair the damage was launched and featured in the Champion. However, because of the 167-year-old building's listed status, the work required has to be done to exact specifications, leaving parishioners facing that half-millon pound target.

Parish priest, Father Godric Timney formed a fundraising committee and the St Anne's Church Roof Appeal got underway with a thermometer-style gauge erected outside the church to enable

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CANCER SURVIVOR BACKS SYMPTOM AWARENESS DRIVE

A WOMAN who had treatment to remove what she was told was a 'harmless cyst' only to discover two weeks later that she had ovarian cancer, is supporting a drive to raise awareness of the symptoms.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

School teacher Paula Cann from Rufford went to her doctor after she began to feel the need to urinate more often and then noticed a lump in her stomach when lying down.

Even though she wasn't in any pain she felt it better to see her GP who diagnosed a large cyst but advised its removal due to its size.

Two weeks later she was told she had ovarian cancer and underwent immediate treatment, thankfully in time.

Now she is using her experience to support the campaign by charity Ovarian Cancer Action (OCA) seeking to make both women and GPs more aware of the symptoms of the disease.

Research for OCA has found almost a third of women with ovarian cancer in the North West are being diagnosed too late.

Early diagnosis is integral to fighting the disease, they say. Currently in the UK, only 46% of women live beyond five years after being diagnosed with the disease, with the years survived dropping significantly the later diagnoses are made.

Women have a 90% chance of survival when diagnosed with ovarian cancer at stage one but this plummets dramatically to just 4% when diagnosed at stage four.

To ensure women with ovarian cancer have the best chances of survival, OCA is calling on GPs to recognise symptoms and appealing to the women to visit their doctor if they have symptoms including persistent stomach pain; persistent bloating; difficulty eating/feeling full more quickly; and needing to urinate more frequently. If symptoms are persistent, severe, frequent or out of the ordinary, the advice of a GP should be sought.

Paula Cann wants to raise awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer

Recalling her own symptoms, Paula Cann said: "I'd started needing to wee more often and more urgently. Most evenings I walk the same route around my local woods but I found I could no longer make it around without desperately needing the loo.

"Then I felt a lump in my stomach when I was lying down. I wasn't too worried as I felt really well, apart from some tiredness, which I just put down to my job.

"Even though I wasn't in pain, I thought it best to visit my GP who thought it was an ovarian cyst, which would be best to remove as it was quite large.

"Thank goodness my cyst was too big to ignore, as two weeks later I was diagnosed with stage two ovarian cancer and I was told that if I'd left it another month it may have been a different story.

"Tiredness, needing to wee more frequently, persistent bloating and stomach pain are all signs of possible ovarian cancer. It's so important to catch it early, to have the best chances of survival. If like me, you are experiencing these frequently, please, visit your GP."

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Have your say on how levy fund money is spent

WEST Lancs Council is offering members of the public the opportunity to have their say on how the authority should spend money raised from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

The levy allows the council to raise funds from developers who are undertaking new building projects in the borough.

The money must be used to pay for infrastructure projects including open spaces, parks, play areas, outdoor sports facilities, playing pitches, cycle paths, footpaths, and community facilities.

Now the council wants to know your views on how the money it will have collected by March 31 next year should be spent in the 2018/19 financial year.

Council chiefs have shortlisted the following projects from a much larger list of almost 100 potential schemes.

- Improvements to the Tawd Valley, Skelmersdale.
- New changing facilities at Chequer Lane, Up Holland.
- New changing facilities at Whittle Drive, Ormskirk.
- Improvements to Thompson Avenue play area, Ormskirk.
- New allotments in Ormskirk.
- Martin Mere filtration reed beds, Burscough.

Councillor John Hodson

- Mere Sands Wood Visitor Centre phase II, Holmeswood.
- Improvements at Hunters Hill Country Park, Parbold.
- Improvements to Cheshire Lines Path, Downholland & Great Altcar.

The council want to know whether you support these projects. You can also tell us why you think any other listed projects should be considered for funding in 2018/19 or even suggest your own ideas for suitable projects.

You can also comment on whether the council should spend some of the available money on large or small projects or save the CIL money to build a bigger pot for larger schemes in future years.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "CIL money can help make some exciting projects a reality and the council really wants to hear what the public thinks, so please take part. Each year the comments we receive help decide what we spend the money on so it's important that you get involved."

You can send your comments to the council between Thursday, October 5 and Friday, November 3.

Further information on the draft CIL Funding Programme can be viewed by visiting www.westlancs.gov.uk/CFP or dropping in to your local library or council office. If you have any questions phone 01695 585171.

You can submit your views by completing a comments form and returning it to the council by email to CIL@westlancs.gov.uk or post to CIL Officer, Development and Regeneration Service, WLBC, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.

Anonymous comments can not be accepted so ensure your name and address are supplied. All comments will be considered and a final decision on how the money will be spent will be made by the council's cabinet in early 2018.

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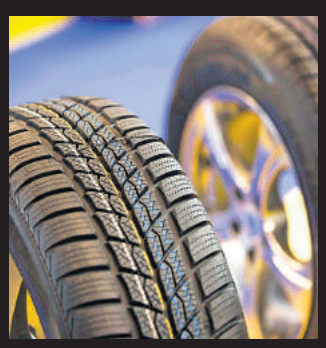

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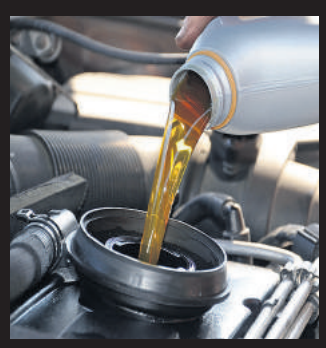

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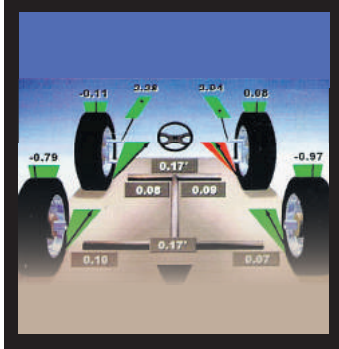

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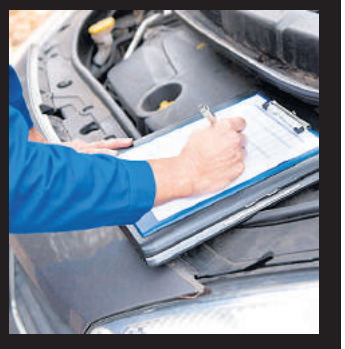

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Farm attractions shortlisted in county tourism awards

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Children can get up close the animals at Farmer Ted's

TWO West Lancashire attractions have been shortlisted in the Lancashire Tourism Awards 2017.

Farmaggedon and Farmer Ted's have been nominated in the Visitor Experience Award and Large Visitor Attraction Award categories respectively, with each competing against five other attractions for the top prize.

The awards, which have the University of Central Lancashire as main sponsor, are chosen by Marketing Lancashire and the winner will be revealed at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom on Thursday, November 9.

Mark Edwards, managing director of both attractions in Flatman's Lane, Downholland, said he is elated with the news that he has made it to the finals.

Farmer Ted's started 14 years ago and caters for young children and teenagers,. It has indoor and outdoor play areas, and hosts a number of events, including birds of prey exhibitions and sheep racing!

Farmaggedon has been established for 11 years and grew out of a Halloween event Mark held for children when adults started to ask: "Can you do something for us?"

He says he went to do research in the US, where scaring people for fun around Halloween time is a "huge industry" and he regularly returns there to keep up to date with the latest ideas.

However, he credits his success down to his team. "We are elated. We have a great team which works really hard all year round. It's a marvelous position to be in but it is due to the team involved who help in making it as successful as it is."

Mark and his team will now join other finalists for an interview with the judges on either Wednesday, October 18 or Thursday, October 19 at Blackburn.

Ruth Connor, chief executive of Marketing Lancashire said, "The response to this year's Lancashire Tourism Awards has been outstanding, testament to the quality and variety of tourism experiences and exceptional hospitality businesses on offer to the 67million visitors now enjoying short breaks and holidays each year in Lancashire.

"The tourism industry is vital to the economic health of the county and deserves a dedicated event that rewards and celebrates everyone who contributes to the success of Lancashire's thriving £4.13billion visitor economy."

Church roof appeal tops £200k mark

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members of the public to keep track of how their efforts were progressing.

Now, with the help of a number of "very generous donors" and a combination of events supported by the whole community including the Scouts, including concerts, sponsored walks, afternoon teas, discos, murder mystery plays, and flower-arranging evenings, the total has reached £200,000.

This has enabled the 'First Aid' phase of the repairs - making the church weather-proof and putting a regular maintenance programme in place to keepit dry - to be completed.

And Phil Wilkinson, chairman of the roof appeal committee, says there is now enough money to start on the first phase of the major repair programme.

They are currently in the process of getting the final permissions needed to permanently restore the roof above the sanctuary and it is hoped work will start soon.

Phil said: "Although we still a long way from our ultimate target, reaching £200k is a very big step on the way.

"It's great to see so many people involved in so many different ways but we'd be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to help us reach that final target."

And Father Timney added: "Our historic church has been at the centre of our community for more than 160 years and I am delighted that we can now start work to restore the roof above the sanctuary. Everyone has been extremely generous with their time, money and prayers."

Anyone wishing to help with fundraising for the appeal or to make a donation is asked to email stanneschurchroofappeal@gmail.com.

The Burscough Tesco team at the end of their 13-mile walk (left to right) Christine Bates, Mark Rogers, Cath Liggat, Debbie Elliot, Ryan Coulton, and Steve Huxtable.

Supermarket staff stride out for worthy causes

STAFF at a local supermarket swapped patrolling the aisles for a walk in the Yorkshire countryside when they took part in a national fundraising effort for charity.

Manager Mark Rogers and staff members Steve Huxtable, Christine Bates, Debbie Elliot, Ryan Coulton and Cath Liggat from the Tesco store in Burscough signed up for the company's Great Tesco Walk, organised in partnership with Diabetes UK and the British Heart Foundation.

Stretching from Land's End to John O'Groats, with separate walks in Wales and Northern Ireland, the walk was made up of 51 legs and 2,400km over 31 days, starting and finishing at many Tesco stores and passing some of its distribution centres and regional offices

Workers were invited to select their own leg and choice of distance ranging from 5km to 50km-plus.

The Burscough team opted to walk a 21km stretch (about 13 miles) from Tesco in Seacroft, Leeds to Tadcaster, near York, setting out just after 7am and 'crossing the finish line' at noon.

To date their efforts have raised around £350 with more to come.

Steve Huxtable said: "The weather was dry and warm and the sun even came out to help us on the way. We saw some stunning countryside, saw racehorses training and walked through some picturesque villages. People in houses were waving as we passed and cars were beeping encouragement."

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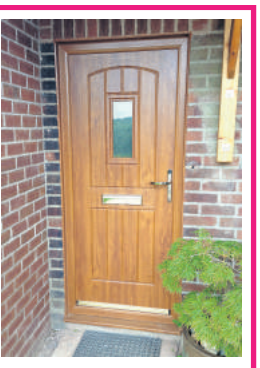

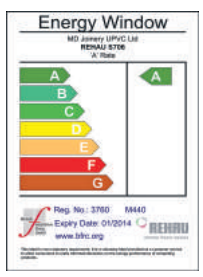

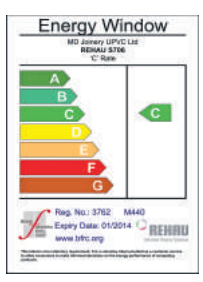

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Library opening hours consultation gets underway

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has begun a consultation asking people for their views on how their local libraries' opening hours could be allocated across the week in future.

The eight-week exercise will run until Sunday, November 26 and library users, staff and partner organisations are invited to express their views on the proposals before a final decision is taken early next year.

Each library has been assigned to one of four different bands depending upon local need, aimed at tailoring opening hours are proportionate to the population that each serves.

The consultation will be asking for comments on the way the opening hours are allocated across the week.

The new opening hours proposed are based on visitor numbers and when libraries are used the most.

People can give their views on how their local library opening hours by filling in a printed questionnaire available at libraries.

Alternatively an online survey is available to complete at www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay by clicking on consultations followed by library opening hours consultation.

County Councillor Peter Buckley

Completed questionnaires need to be returned to a Lancashire County Council library by no later than Saturday, November 25. Online submissions can be completed up until November 26.

The proposed model is:

- **Band A open for 50 hours over six days every week.**
- **Band B open for 42 hours over six days every week.**
- **Band C open for 34 hours over five days every week.**
- **Band D open for 18 hours over four days every week.**

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "I would encourage everyone involved to let us have their views. We want to make sure that the service provided to our customers is as streamlined and efficient as possible.

"We're proposing changes to when libraries will be open and overall this would mean them being open for more hours in total across the county.

"We've designed the proposed model according to when we know libraries are most used, with the aim of better meeting demand with the resources we have.

"There will be no difference in the quality of service between bands.

"We would very much like people to take this opportunity to look at what is being proposed and how they might be affected, and to help us shape the final proposals by responding to the consultation.

"People can let us know their views either by completing a printed questionnaire or online, whichever they prefer."

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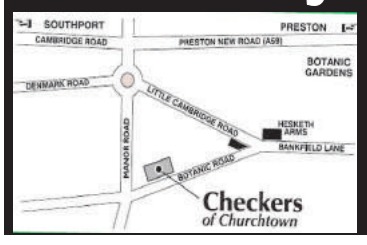

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Villagers' battle to block mobile phone company's plans for 'unsightly' mast

VILLAGERS are appealing to West Lancs Council to block plans by a mobile telephone service provider to erect a 17.5 metre mast in a residential area.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Residents in Parbold claim the proposed structure would be an eyesore and a potential health hazard.

However, the local authority say they can only consider the siting and appearance of the development, not the principle or the health effects.

And a spokesman for Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited (CTIL), a joint venture between Vodafone and Telefonica trading as O2, said all their base stations operate within guideline safety limits and "there is no evidence of adverse health effects for members of the public."

Alan Barton, spokesman for the residents' group, said: "This monopole would tower over the centre of the village. It would be unsightly and even intimidating, at least twice as high as all the surrounding houses.

"Being just outside a conservation area, it would loom over the place where secondary students gather to catch buses in the morning and younger children cross the road on their way to the village schools.

"Lots of people complain about a poor mobile signal in Parbold, but the solution should not be as unsightly as this. Vodafone should think again.

"We are also concerned about possible threats to health. The cellular phone industry, unsurprisingly, maintains that phone towers pose no health risk, but West Lancashire Council should do its best to keep them away from densely-populated areas.

"The technology has not been around for long enough for us to draw any firm conclusions but there are sufficient studies of radio frequency exposure and its correlation with diseases such as cancer, to counsel caution in placing a phone mast in the very centre of a village.

"Also, there are two other possible solutions which don't appear to have been considered. Firstly, there are locations outside the village which would be far less environmentally intrusive, such as the Hoscar treatment plant.

"Secondly, Vodafone could collaborate, as recommended by the government, with other providers who have succeeded in providing a satisfactory signal to the village."

The application for the base mast has been submitted to West Lancs Council by CTIL, a joint venture between Vodafone and Telefonica set up to manage the network sites of both companies and create a single grid.

A spokesperson for CTIL said: "Vodafone and O2 customers expect to be able to use their mobiles and devices where they live, work and travel. Base stations are low powered devices which cover approximately half-a-mile in radius, therefore we have to put base stations close to our customers.

"Vodafone and O2 identified that they need to improve the coverage to their customers in Parbold and submitted a proposal for a shared base station on Tan House Lane. It has been noted that the column design of the mast will resemble as closely as possible other linear items of street furniture. The proposed base station will provide 2G, 3G and 4G services to the local area.

A photo montage of the proposed monopole mast at Parbold. (Image by CTIL).

"All O2 base stations operate well within guideline safety limits. Below these guidelines there is no evidence of adverse health effects for any members of the public."

And spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "This is not a planning application as such, as telecommunications operators benefit from 'permitted development', therefore under national planning guidelines it cannot be subjected to the usual planning process.

"The council can only consider the siting and appearance of the proposed development (not the principle or the health effects). The application has been consulted upon widely by the council and the views of local residents and businesses will be considered carefully before a decision is made."

How do you think we should spend CIL monies?

West Lancashire Borough Council want to know your views on how the money we are collecting from new development through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) should be spent in 2018/19. The money we collect must be used to improve infrastructure such as parks, play areas, outdoor sports facilities, cycle paths, transport projects and community facilities which are needed because of NEW development in the Borough.

We have put forward four options on how we might spend the money, including a shortlist of projects that the money might be spent on. These projects include: improvements to the Tawd Valley, Skelmersdale; new changing facilities at Chequer Lane, Up Holland; new changing facilities at Whittle Drive, Ormskirk; improvements to Thompson Avenue Play Area, Ormskirk; new allotments in Ormskirk; Martin Mere Filtration Reed Beds, Burscough; Mere Sands Wood Visitor Centre Phase II, Holmeswood; improvements to Hunters Hill Country Park, Parbold; and improvements to Cheshire Lines Path, Downholland & Great Altcar. The options include spending the available money on several of these projects, just one or two of them, or saving the CIL money to build a bigger pot for larger schemes in future years.

We want to know your views on how this money should be spent.

- **Which option should we follow?**
- **Do you agree with the projects we've shortlisted?**
- **Are there any other projects we should consider?**

Send us your comments between Thursday 5 October and Friday 3 November 2017.

To find out more information and to give us your views visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/CFP, drop into your local library or Council Office, or phone 01695 585171

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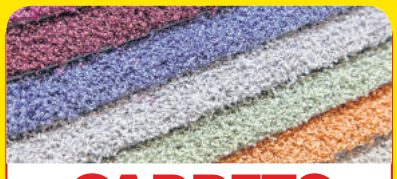

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Retired engineer says: "Sometimes you have to resort to drastic measures!"

Pensioner turns his hand to DIY to fix flooding problem!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WHEN pensioner Bob MacDougall was told there was "no money" to fix a recurring problem with a backflow from a local sewer onto his property, he took matters into his own hands by redirecting the sewage himself!

The 79-year-old from Gower Gardens, Burscough first became aware of the problem on Boxing Day 2015 - when large parts of the village were also flooded - as the overflow from the sewer came back up the domestic drain leaving his driveway two inches deep in sewage.

Since then, the problem has returned, firstly in June last year, then in July this year and again twice last month.

And he claims that on occasions sewage has also come into his bathroom as high as the rim of the toilet basin!

The retired engineer says he met with officials from United Utilities and was told that though they were aware of "hydraulic inadequacy" in the sewer system in Burscough there was not enough money to fix the problem.

In emails to Mr MacDougall the water company said the flooding situation in Burscough would continue to be monitored with the possibility that plans to fix it could be included in a 2020-2025 budgeting plan.

After also contacting West Lancs Council's environmental health department, he was told that the local authority has no jurisdiction over the sewage system and was advised to contact Ofwat.

Finally the exasperated OAP used his engineering skills to remedy the situation himself. After first creating an inspection chamber in which to monitor water flow through the domestic drain pipe, he said he has now constructed a diversion.

As a result he says when the sewer overflows into the domestic drain again the sewage will be piped towards a surface water drain rather than his driveway. It is understood the surface water drain empties into Eller Brook.

And he also fixed a stopper to the end of the diversion pipe so that when it is dislodged by a backflow it will set off a continuous car horn to alert him - along with his neighbours and residents on a nearby housing estate!

He said: "I don't want to upset my neighbours but sometimes you just have to resort to drastic measures!

"In life you have to do what you've got to do if the establishment won't do what they are supposed to!"

When contacted by the Champion, United Utilities issued the following statement: "We received a call for assistance to reports of external flooding on the 14 September. Our emergency crews attended the address very quickly and removed all materials.

"Specialist engineers are investigating the local sewer hydraulics and capacity in Burscough to plan in more detail the sewerage infrastructure provisions for the future."

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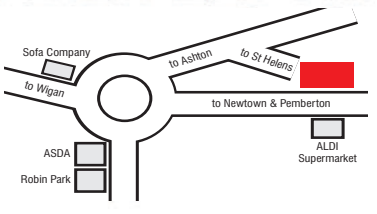

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Safety experts warn of danger down on the farm

Report by **Henry James**

Provisional statistics for 2016/7 reveal there are more fatal accidents in the agriculture industry than in any other

FARMERS and farm workers are being urged to be vigilant about safety after provisional figures for 2016/17 released by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) showed agriculture had the highest rate of fatal injury of any industry - around 18 times higher than the all industry rate.

A total of 30 people have been killed on British farms in the past year - the majority of them (67%) self-employed farmers.

The causes of death were 'struck by vehicles' (30%); 'trapped by something collapsing' (20%); 'struck by an object' (17%); 'contact with electricity' (10%); 'falling from a height' (7%); and 'injured by an animal' (7%).

Richard Wade, of Lycetts Risk Management Services, said: "It is worrying that agriculture remains one of the most dangerous industries, with the high fatality rate far-exceeding other industries.

"HSE's research shows that vehicle-related activities consistently lead to more deaths than any other category, and that half of the workers killed by something collapsing were taking part in activities involving vehicles and machinery.

"So, while some of these deaths have been the result of freak accidents, many could have been prevented. Although this is a sad fact, this gives us hope that, with better practice on farms and safer use of machinery, incidents like this could become rarer."

Agriculture has a 7.61 fatal injury rate per 100,000 workers – six times that of the construction sector.

In the North West, there have been three deaths in the past year. They include a 28-year-old self-employed contractor from Rochdale who was electrocuted when his vehicle crane hit an overhead power line; a 78-year-old self-employed farmer from Pendle who was run over by his own tractor while trying to adjust the load or start it from the side of the vehicle; and a 57-year-old employee from Carlisle who stepped out of a calf shed into the path of an oncoming tractor and trailer.

Richard Wade added: "What strikes me is the high death rate of older workers. Health and safety is a fundamental requirement of any farming operation, no matter how small or well-established, and minimising risk should be top priority.

"It is also alarming that self-employed farmers make up a large proportion of deaths; 20 out of 30 of those who died on farms were self-employed, while 23% were employees and 10% were members of the public.

"There is a danger that farmers who work for themselves harbour a perception that they do not need to carry out the necessary risk assessments or abide by the health and safety regulations as they don't have any employees. But, as this research shows, this can have devastating consequences.

"It may also be a case of farmers, due to economic constraints, are having to manage difficult and labour-heavy jobs by themselves or with limited resources – and are therefore putting themselves at increased risk.

"It is imperative that farmers take health and safety seriously and do their utmost to protect themselves, their employees and the public, as well as procuring comprehensive insurance cover in case a tragic incident like this does occur."

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MP joins call to halt Universal Credit rollout

Report by **Henry James**

Rosie Cooper

ROSIE Cooper has signed a letter alongside 122 fellow MPs calling on the Department for Work and Pensions to halt the planned rollout of Universal Credit next month.

The letter, to David Gauke, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, calls for the delay in rolling out the controversial benefit reform to 55 new areas each month. This is due to include Skelmersdale in December.

The signatories say the government's plans for Universal Credit have already "brought misery to thousands of people across the country through pilot and early phases, with the continued roll-out set to bring hardship and increased debt for millions of families."

The West Lancs MP said: "The system for claiming Universal Credit is a shambles, even with only five new areas a month. According to the government's own figures, almost a quarter of claimants wait longer than six weeks for their payment.

"Some families wait 12 weeks or more, pushing many into rent arrears or a spiral of debt that is almost impossible to get out of, as their income under Universal Credit is too low to pay off the loan.

"I already have residents contacting me very concerned about what these changes mean to them and the fear and worry of six-week waits for their entitlements, putting household budgets under tremendous strain as they struggle to feed their children or heat their homes.

"Some residents in West Lancashire have already had major issues with the pilot rollout so if that is anything to go by then full rollout will be disastrous.

"Skelmersdale is due to be hit with the Universal Credit rollout in December and this will cause all sorts of issues for my constituents.

"David Gauke must now do the decent thing and delay next week's planned 11-fold expansion until Universal Credit systems are working properly. If he doesn't, then hundreds of thousands more families each month will have to suffer weeks with no money, causing them long-term financial problems.

"It would be a huge injustice for so many families to suffer simply because the government will not admit they still can't get Universal Credit working properly."

The MPs also pointed out that less than 40% of claimants register successfully with the government's compulsory online portal, and that the phone 'helpline' is simply an automatic message, directing claimants to the website, so they can't find out what is happening with their claim.

Citizens Advice has called on the government to delay the programme in light of the evidence from the people they help, of whom more than half had to borrow money while waiting for their first Universal Credit payment.

And councils and landlords' organisations have also called for the rollout to be delayed as more than half of recipients of Universal Credit are in rent arrears.

Ms Cooper commented that many tenants are in danger of eviction and some landlords now refuse tenants who are on Universal Credit, making housing problems worse.

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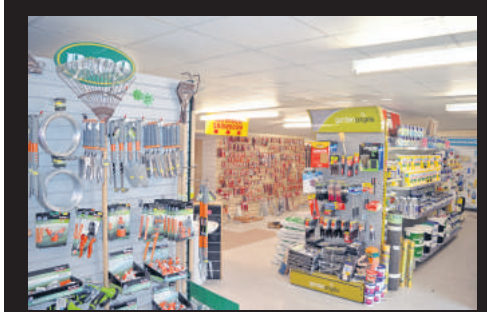

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Ormskirk town centre was once packed with visitors for this year's MotorFest

MotorFest organisers respond to criticism

ORGANISERS of the Ormskirk MotorFest have defended this year's event in the face of criticism from some quarters.

An estimated 30,000 visitors flocked to the annual extravaganza in August but although the event was again hailed a "success" a number of residents contacted the Champion with complaints about various aspects of the organisation, including communication, crowd control, delays, parking problems and charges for exhibitors.

Now, following an internal debrief, Michael Ashcroft, chairman of Aintree Circuit Club which organises the event on behalf of West Lancs Council, has answered some of the matters raised.

He said: "In relation to needing more manpower and a more powerful public address system, unfortunately there is limited funding available to run the event, which is free to visitors.

"A number of accredited and trained Motor Sports Association (MSA) marshals are on duty at the event supported by volunteers, MSA licensed motorsport officials, safety/paramedic units, vehicle support and recovery units, traffic management personnel, administrative support staff, set-up and take-down support staff, radio communications personnel, experienced commentators and Lancashire Constabulary, etc.

"The parade laps were themed, as in all previous years, and some minor delays occurred during the running of the parades in dealing with a number of medical emergencies, which were attended by our trained medical staff on site.

"Aintree Circuit Club sympathises with the resident who said their driveway was blocked. However, the club has no responsibility for on-street parking or traffic management-related issues on the highway. On-street parking enforcement is the responsibility of Lancashire County Council as highway authority. Any obstructions on the highway are for the police to enforce accordingly.

"Visitors are also encouraged to travel by public transport or use the 'park and ride' facility from Edge Hill University. And for the past two years Northern Rail has also arranged special Sunday train services for visitors travelling from the northern area of the borough and Preston.

"The £10 charge was for drivers who wanted to take part in the parade laps at the MotorFest, to help with administration costs for the event.

"Introducing the charge did not reduce entries to the 2017 event, and numbers of drivers wanting to take part in the parade laps was as high as ever."

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Gardeners invited to sign up for Free Tree Scheme

KEEN gardeners in the borough are once again being invited to sign up for West Lancs Council's popular Free Tree Scheme which is being launched again on Monday, October 16.

First introduced in 2008, the scheme aims to improve the borough's environment and attract more wildlife into the gardens of local homes by encouraging residents to plant trees.

Since its launch more than 6,000 new trees have been given to residents to plant throughout West Lancashire.

This year applicants can choose one of two different varieties of fruit tree, Bramley Apple or Victoria Plum. The trees provided will be about two years old and around a metre tall.

The Victoria Plum has been the most successful of all the trees offered since the scheme began, while there is a poignant story about the popular Bramley's seedling.

The original tree, the Mother of all Bramley Apples, is currently dying of a fungal infection. The council would like to continue the legacy of the Bramley Apple by offering residents a chance to pick up a free 'Bramley's Seedling' tree as part of the scheme.

The council will also continue to offer a packet of free 'Flanders Poppy' seeds in tribute to those who lost their lives during the First World War.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "Fruit trees are very much part of the area's heritage and as well as attracting wildlife and providing fruit to eat, they are well-suited to smaller domestic gardens."

To find out more and apply for the trees and seeds, visit the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/trees from Monday, October 16.

Applications are due to close on Friday, October 27 but interested residents should apply as soon as possible as the number of trees available is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If the maximum number is allocated before Friday, October 27 the council will close the application process.

Victoria Plum trees have proved most successful since the scheme was launched in 2008

Successful applicants will be informed where and when to collect the trees and seeds.

The council is advising people not to apply unless they are sure they want to take up the offer as their application might mean that someone else who really wants a tree cannot get one.

Trees will be allocated in time for planting during National Tree Week 2017, which runs from November 25 to December 3.

The trees provided under the scheme are only available to West Lancashire borough residents and must be planted in the borough. The council also provides a guide showing how to plant and look after the trees.

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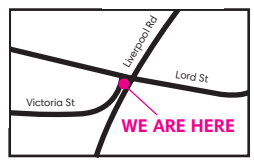

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Slight fall in 'out-of-work benefits' claimants

FIGURES published by the Office for National Statistics show that 1,280 people were claiming 'out-of-work benefits' in West Lancashire in August 2017.

The statistics show a fall of 45 from August 2016 and an increase of 40 from July 2017.

Among the age group 18 to 24 there were 285 residents claiming 'out-of-work benefits'. This showed a fall of 65 from the same period last year and a decrease of five from July 2017.

A spokesman for Jobcentre Plus said: "We are pleased with the figures. We are always trying to get people back into work. Our staff encourage people in receipt of benefits to talk to their work coaches who will be able to show them what opportunities are available."

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Staff in the new Green Room at the Scarisbrick Unit

New relaxation room opened for patients at mental health unit

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A NEWLY-developed reflective space for patients has been officially opened at the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Scarisbrick inpatient mental health unit within Ormskirk Hospital.

The Green Room facility will provide a space for patients to relax, wind down, have a chat or use as a religious or spiritual environment, as part of their recovery.

The initiative for the room was developed by members of the trusts's occupational therapy service after recognising that patients are not always well enough to access the existing faith facilities within the community.

The unit received a number of generous donations including a television, furniture, spiritual artwork and books provided by Ormskirk Hospital League of Friends, service users, families and faith organisations across Lancashire.

Kate Halsall, lead occupational therapist for Ormskirk inpatients at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "A big part of our jobs is to look at people's needs that go beyond taking medication. This project was to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all of our patients.

"Having a facility for patients to reflect or take part in therapeutic activities helps patients to improve the function of their lives and gives them a sense of who they are. It also helps staff here to understand the patient better and understand how they are feeling or how they work.

"We would like to say a big thankyou to Rydon, who kindly offered to paint the walls free of charge; The League of Friends; and our service users for their kind donations. We are so pleased to be able to provide this quiet and calm area for our patients."

Pete Hill, support worker in the occupational therapy team, added: "The project has been very much a team effort and thanks to all of the kind donations we have received, we are now able to provide this fantastic space for our patients. It will also be offered to staff on the ward as a resource for prayer or time out.

"I feel extremely proud of this achievement and look forward to the next project here at the Scarisbrick unit."

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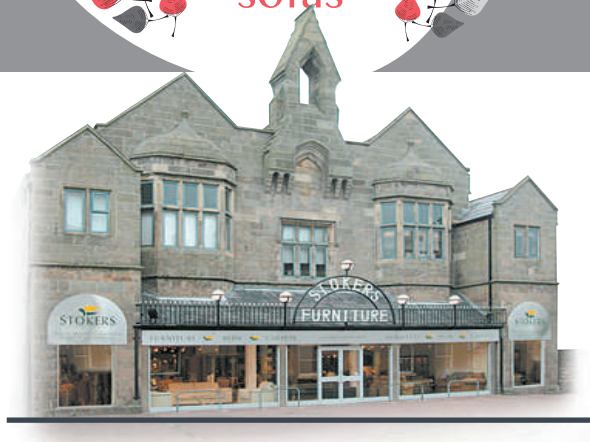

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Hall earns double accolade in borough design awards

WORK to turn Moor Hall in Aughton into a thriving restaurant with accommodation has earned two coveted accolades in the 2017 West Lancashire Design Awards.

Organised by the borough council, the awards seek to acknowledge and promote the importance of good-quality development and building design in improving the local environment.

The council asked the public for nominations earlier this year and judging took place in five categories as follows:

New residential developments (including extensions to existing properties).

Renovation/conversion of existing buildings.

Commercial or community developments.

Sustainable building design.

Landscaping.

And judges were so impressed with the high standard of entries this year they gave seven commendations in addition to picking five category winners.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "The Design Awards continue to show the council's commitment to working with owners and architects to raise the standard of development and improve the appearance of the borough's environment.

"The award winners are all examples where the time and effort put in by the architects, owners and contractors have produced high-quality results. We should also not underplay our officers' role in that process in helping to bring forward successful schemes."

The re-development of Moor Hall into a new restaurant with overnight accommodation impressed judges so much it won both the renovation/conversion and commercial categories, and also received a commendation in the landscape category.

The residential category was won by a single-storey extension to Needless Inn Barn off Lady Alice's Drive in Lathom. The judges liked the simplicity and sensitivity of the design and the high quality of the finished work.

Commendations were given to the Firbeck Revival Scheme Skelmersdale, and the construction of new houses at 29a Junction Lane, Burscough; 1 Thornhill, Granville Park and 46 Granville Park West, Aughton.

In the commercial category the judges gave a commendation to the redevelopment of Hurlston Hall Golf Club which provides a new multi-functional space for the golf club including bar, restaurant and first floor function room.

Scarisbrick Hall School earned a commendation in the conversion section for works to turn unused North range into a new teaching space.

And the sustainability category award was given to the development of the Tech Hub at Edge Hill University, Ormskirk. The judges felt the innovative design provides a building which is a sustainable and energy-efficient solution for the site.

The landscaping category award was given to the development of a beautifully crafted garden and landscape relating to the development of a new bungalow at 308a, Prescot Road, Aughton.

Moor Hall won awards in renovation/conversion and commercial categories, and received a commendation in the landscape category of the 2017 West Lancashire Design Awards

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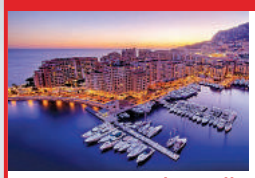

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Home contents insurance scheme for council tenants is subsidised through their rent payments not council tax

I WOULD like to reply to the letter by Alison Reece concerning the home contents insurance scheme for West Lancashire Council tenants (Letters, September 13).

Home contents insurance take-up for social housing tenants is particularly low both locally and nationally.

At West Lancashire Borough Council, as a responsible landlord, and in a bid to protect our properties, we have a duty to encourage tenants to take up a basic, low-cost insurance cover.

We have recently been promoting the scheme which both helps to protect our assets and provides tenants with cover for their belongings.

The scheme is subsidised through the rents paid by tenants and not through council tax.

Our Private Sector Housing Team do, however, provide a number of grants and schemes available to home owners covering areas such as disabled adaptations, home repairs and keeping warm.

Some of these schemes are only for home owners receiving a qualifying benefit, but others are open to those on low incomes. Details of all the available schemes are on the housing pages of the council's website.

As for the issue about flooding, we have raised drainage issues on some of our estates with United Utilities and have put flood prevention measures into some of our most venerable council properties at no cost again to non-council tenants.

Drains are the responsibility of either the homeowner or United Utilities the only time they are the responsibility of this council is if they are in one of our properties.

Councillor Ian Moran,
leader of West Lancashire Borough Council

Dedicated delivery lad is a true Champion worthy of recognition!

AT the time of writing this (8.45pm Wednesday, September 27) the weather is absolutely dreadful.

It is dark, cold, wet and windy and the rain is torrential.

I've just been disturbed by the dogs barking and have gone to the front window to investigate what had disturbed them.

The view from the window is a very dark and unpleasant. I've just noticed that the Champion has been delivered and observed a young lad in the distance continuing to deliver your newspaper further on along Moss Lane on the outskirts of Burscough.

It struck me that whoever the lad was, he must be made of the 'right stuff' and was getting the job done despite the atrocious weather conditions!

I have never written to the Champion before (or any other newspaper, actually) but felt that this lad should be given recognition.

To some it might seem a small thing and insignificant, but all too often the same people are very quick to criticise the attitude of young people and tend to overlook those who try hard and do well.

It was clear to me that this lad was given a job to do and was going to get it done ' no matter what.'

Whoever he is, he has got my total respect and deserves recognition.

Len Hampson,
by email

PICTURE of the week

Liverpool-based 'Bring the Fire Project' at the British Fireworks Championships in Southport at the weekend. ***Picture: Martyn Snape***

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Cable contractors are leaving town's streets and pavements in a mess

VIRGIN Media are currently installing cables in the Ormskirk area and while I appreciate trenches need to be excavated, when they have been installed I would expect them to leave the streets as they found them, in a clean and tidy condition restoring the pavements etc to a suitable standard.

Unfortunately the contractors carrying out this work appear to be more interested in getting their cables in and moving on without regard for neighbourhoods or residents.

Roads and pathways are being left unswept with mud/silt and debris. Surface water grids are left blocked and, in one instance at least, deep grooves have been cut in readiness to excavate, only for plans to change and these grooves left behind damaging the pathway. If left, the surface will no doubt break up in time due to water and frost ingress.

Virgin's area office has been contacted and they said they have instructed the contractors to rectify these issues. It would appear that the contractors are ignoring these instructions.

The contractors are rude to residents and show little interest in leaving roads in good condition. The local authority seem powerless to do anything because when approached the official reply just quotes paragraphs etc. from regulations saying they don't need planning permission to install these and they are not contravening any regulations.

Surely these regulations require they leave the area in a clean and good state of repair? It appears these contractors can move into our town leaving areas in a distressed state and just move on without fear of reprisal.

The local authorities should at least monitor the condition these contractors are leaving roads and footpaths in, after all what are we paying them for?

I, for one, will not entertain Virgin Media if this is the respect they show residents and communities. I would be interested to know if others are experiencing similar problems with them.

Derek Wright, by email

Our once quiet town is now a deafening traffic zone

ONCE upon a time, Ormskirk used to be a quiet town.

Of course, the Champion was full of letters complaining about a dozen Edge Hill students singing songs after a boozy night out. (Perhaps they never got drunk or chatted loudly in the streets when they were young.)

'Disturbing the peace' was a criminal offence but the law was never enforced.

So where are the whingers now that we are assaulted with the thunderous noise of a pile-driver at Hattersleys which destroys the peace over a wide area?

And Virgin Media are cutting holes in every street and creating a horrible din.

The town centre is a deafening traffic zone with roaring motor cycles and lorries which are surely breaking the legal noise limits without any action by the police.

Maybe we simply have to accept that extreme noise is now part of the modern world and may get even worse?

Maurice George,
by email

Time to give busy stretch of road resurfacing priority

NOW that Granville Park has had its make-over, perhaps priority can be given to Winifred Lane, Aughton, especially the length between Delph Park Avenue and the dual-carriageway.

It carries a lot of daily traffic including regular school buses and delivery trucks. The road is therefore pitted and badly in need of resurfacing.

D. S., Aughton
by email

Cyclists should use purpose-made tracks when provided

I FREQUENTLY have to avoid lycra-clad cyclists riding down the 60mph dual carriageway on the A59 Northway, despite the fact that there are purpose-made cycle tracks either side.

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It is time this practice was made illegal.

Cyclists should use the cycle tracks when provided.

Doug Elliot,
Burscough

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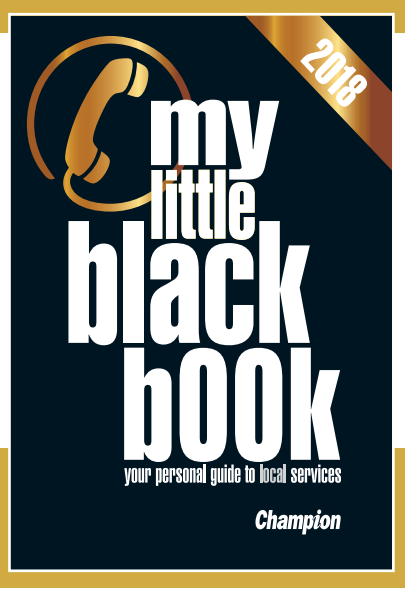

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We're not stupid - when we voted to leave EU we meant leave and asap!

DON'T talk about The War! An unforgettable line from Fawlty Towers, surely one of the best programmes ever aired on TV.

Trouble is, I was reminded of it for quite the wrong reasons recently (though I have been watching the repeats too). No, it is because of the several, generally very good historical programmes doing the rounds at the moment about the rise to power of the Nazi party and the rise and fall of its Fuhrer, Adolf Hitler.

Two things though irritate me, and spoil what are otherwise spellbinding lessons on how a whole nation can be subsumed by the will of a maniac and its fairly sudden awakening as the scale of the catastrophe facing Nazi Germany becomes apparent.

One is the use of actors to play the part of Hitler. The production companies use plenty of genuine newsreel shots of the Fuhrer but for some reason on many occasions, usually of him reading, signing papers or talking to his generals, choose to use a bloke with a false moustache and who looks more like John Cleese than Hitler.

The other baffling, and to me totally silly, practice that seems to have crept in is to interweave genuine shots of German cities and people in the 1930s/40s with present-day pictures of modern Berlin etc. One regularly switched from a shot of a 1930s tramcar to a similar one presumably taken in the last couple of years or so (with a modern tram so the scene might as well have been shot in Manchester).

Speaking of events European brings me back with a bump to Brexit - or the lack of it.

When I cast my vote to leave the EU, and was mildly surprised to find that 'we' had won, it really was a special occasion for me because, though I voted for this country to join the then 'Common Market' this became a very different and far more unpleasant animal as the years rolled on. And the fact that I was advocating getting out of this European bureaucratic control freakery while holding this point of view still provoked giggles from one's audience.

I'm not going to discuss the inept mess our Government is making of the negotiations, nor the just as daft positions Her Majesty's Opposition are taking.

To me, out means out. I remember a year ago during the campaign for and against leaving, that one of the Remainers' arguments was that there was a risk involved.

Well, of course there was a risk. There is usually a risk in anything worth doing. But surely, if there is a risk of everything going pear-shaped, then equally there is a 'risk' of everything coming up roses?

At the moment, our so-called negotiators are leaning further and further over backwards not to risk offending our European so-called friends - though if M. Barnier is an example of European friendship then I wonder just what an enemy would look like.

Everyone was told before the membership vote (by both sides) that a leave vote meant leaving the Customs Union and the Single Market, but the impossible idea that somehow we need not is still bandied about. We were told that we would leave in 2019, come hell or high water. Now, it seems we'll be stuck with this shambles - and paying for it - for an unspecified time.

Oddly, the Americans quite regularly upset the feelings of the EU - but the US continues to trade with it, as do others like China and Japan. Britain is the largest market for BMW and Mercedes cars - do they really want to lose that?

I don't think British people are stupid. I think those who voted to leave the EU meant just that, and most, like me, naively assumed that we would leave the Union and stop paying for it quick-sticks. OK, I accept that was never possible - but surely a leave vote means leave and leave as quickly as we can?

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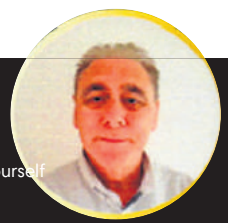

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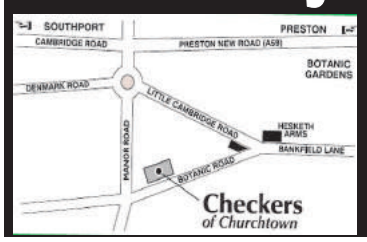

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There's still time to comment on key changes to council policy on taxis

MEMBERS of the public are being given the opportunity to comment on changes to an important West Lancashire Borough Council document relating to taxis operating in the area.

The council licences taxis and drivers throughout the borough to ensure public safety and to support the licensed trade. The council's standards for licensed vehicles and drivers are contained in its Taxi Licensing Policy.

While the policy was formally reviewed in 2016 and will last for five years, the council is seeking to make additional amendments to reflect recent changes in legislation and implement additional safeguarding measures.

Key alterations include additional controls for operators of taxi firms that would require them to provide details of persons who are employed or used by them and declare that they are safe and suitable to be so employed/used.

Policy matters relating to the accessibility of licensed vehicles are also proposed in line with current legislation. This effectively converts the previous voluntary list of accessible vehicles to a statutory list that will require drivers of wheelchair-accessible vehicles to take wheelchair passengers, unless formally exempt.

Councillor Kevin Wright

Other changes include updates on environmental considerations and restrictions on the nature and type of advertising on licensed vehicles.

If you live and work in West Lancashire, the council wants to hear your views on the proposed changes to the policy. It has started a public consultation which will run until October 31.

All comments received will be presented to the council's licensing and appeals committee for consideration.

To read the draft policy and find out how you can give your views, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews and click on consultations underway.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "There is still time for you to give your views on this very important policy for the council. We would therefore welcome the views of anyone living and working in West Lancashire, as well as the taxi trade.

"The council would particularly like to hear from people who use taxis regularly so that we can ensure our policy meets the needs of local people."

Comments can be made by emailing: licensing.enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk or by post to: West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Service, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE.

The police and taxi companies and drivers have been contacted directly for their views.

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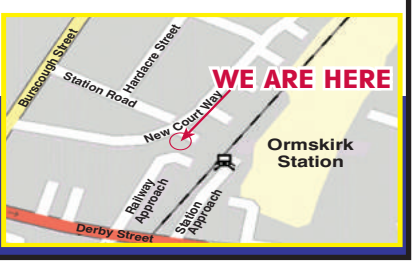

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Smokers urged to kick the habit as part of Stoptober campaign

Month-long initiative will highlight help available

SMOKERS across Lancashire are being urged to kick the habit as part of the annual Stoptober campaign.

The initiative is supported locally by Lancashire County Council, working in partnership with council and NHS organisations across the county and South Cumbria, to improve health and care for local people.

County Councillor Shaun Turner, the authority's lead member for health and adult services, said: "Smoking kills and is one of the biggest preventable causes of ill health. Although the number of people who smoke in Lancashire has reduced in recent years, more than 16% of the population still smokes - that's still too many and we need more to quit.

"If you want to stop, you can contact the Quit Squad, where you can get expert support from trained advisors tailored to suit you. The Quit Squad also provides a range of free, nicotine replacement therapies, such as patches and gum, to reduce the cravings.

"Research shows you're four times more likely to quit with support from this service."

Despite the help available, some people still struggle to quit and e-cigarettes are an alternative.

Help is available for smokers wishing to quit during Stoptober

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, director of public health for the county council, commented: "People wanting to stop should always try the stop smoking service but e-cigarettes can help as an alternative way to quit.

"Using e-cigarettes isn't completely risk-free, but they carry only a fraction of the risk of smoking a normal cigarette.

"Having said that, we'd only recommend them as a tool to help people stop smoking. We would never recommend people take up vaping if they don't currently vape or smoke."

People who want to quit can contact the Quit Squad, Lancashire's stop smoking service, to get the help they need to stop. The county council and NHS aim to reduce the percentage of people who smoke in Lancashire to 12% by 2022.

The Quit Squad, which is commissioned and funded by the county council and delivered by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, gives people support to change their smoking behaviour and nicotine replacement therapies to help beat the cravings.

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Search is on for county's Young Citizen of the Year

THE search is on to find an "exceptional young person" deserving of the Lancashire Young Citizen of the Year award.

Organisers want to hear from people who know someone, ideally aged up to 21, who has done something selfless for another person, organisation or their local community.

High Sheriff of Lancashire, Robert Webb, said: "This award is designed to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions made by our young people in Lancashire and I would be delighted to receive as many nominations as possible.

"Nominations can be for any positive contribution to local life - fundraising, helping or caring for people (within or outside their family) or being very thoughtful, kind or brave in some way.

"Not everyone can win the prize, but nominations will give the opportunity for each young person to be congratulated."

The University of Central Lancashire are sponsoring this year's awards. Winners and runners-up will be selected by the High Sheriff and a panel of judges from the Lancashire Partnership Against Crime (LANPAC), Lancashire Constabulary, the University of Central Lancashire and the former High Sheriff, Rodney Swarbrick, who initiated the award.

Nominations will be accepted until January 31.

All finalists will then be invited to attend a presentation at Lancashire Constabulary Headquarters in March 2018, where the winner will receive £500 along with a specially-commissioned trophy and certificate. Two runners-up will also receive £100 and a certificate.

Approval of a parent or guardian is needed for the nomination, subsequent publicity and any future events involving the finalists.

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Hospital trust is hosting its first Older People's Day

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust is hosting its first Older People's Day on Thursday, October 5.

This will be held at the Clinical Education Centre at Southport Hospital from 9am to 1pm.

Physiotherapy, rheumatology and frailty will be among the hospital services on hand and representatives of Macmillan, the Stroke Association and the Alzheimer's Society will also be available, along with information about dementia, orthopaedics, mental health and many other conditions.

Megan Langley, Medical and Surgical Therapy Team leader at the trust, said: "Our Older People's Day is a great way for the public, patients and their families to get information on a range of conditions and available services in one place. We are here to answer any questions you might have or point you in the right direction.

"This is our first Older People's Day but if people find it useful, we're hoping to make it an annual event."

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Future homes developments in borough to include bays for charging electric cars

ROSIE Cooper says she has secured confirmation from West Lancashire Council that they are making the provision of electric car charging bays a necessity in all future planning applications for housing in the borough.

Having written to the council on behalf of residents concerned by the lack of charging points, the West Lancs MP *(right)* received the commitment from the director of development and regeneration that future housing developments must include the provision.

It follows the council's provision of electric car charging points at current locations at Derby Street in Ormskirk and Smithy Walk in Burscough.

Previously, the MP has also written to supermarket chains, Tesco and Asda who both have large stores and car parks in the area, encouraging them to install points at their stores.

Rosie Cooper said: "Residents are increasingly writing to me about the need to develop the electric vehicle charging infrastructure across West Lancashire.

"The growth of electric and Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles is continuing and I'm pushing for the local authorities and businesses to provide the necessary charging points, where possible.

"With new housing developments coming on stream and applications being made, it is promising to hear that West Lancashire Borough Council are making it mandatory for developers to provide charging points in new houses.

"This will go some way to encouraging more drivers to switch over to lower emissions vehicles."

A spokesman for the council said: "West Lancashire Borough Council has sought to facilitate the move from petrol/diesel cars to electric in recent years by placing two charging points on the car park at Derby Street, Ormskirk and a further two on Smithy Walk, Burscough.

"In addition to these physicals works, the council, early in 2017 introduced the practice of placing a planning condition on planning permission for new residential development requiring the provision of electric vehicle charging points for each new property."

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Head sings praises of school council

THE headteacher at a West Lancs primary school has praised the school's council for raising more than £1,300 for charity and school quipment in the last year.

Stephen Smith, headteacher at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church of England Primary in Church Road, said: "The staff and children are very proud to have such an active and successful school council.

"Each year, after speeches and an election, two members from each class are selected to be part of the school's council.

"This important group of children, guided by deputy headteacher Tracy Dimmock, perform many duties throughout school and are in charge of raising money for charity.

"Last year the school council helped to raise £395 for the British Legion, £170 for Sport Relief and £300 for Children in Need.

They also led the pupils in raising money for what they would like in school and in the past have bought new goals for the school field and hopscotch markings for the playground.

"Through a Bake Off and a 'Mad Hair Day' they raised just under £500 which has been used to buy some rainbow picnic tables for the children to sit on and have their lunch when the weather is warm."

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Hospice director addresses Breathe Easy group meeting

DR Tim Jones, medical director of Queenscourt Hospice and an expert in palliative care medicine was guest speaker at the latest meeting of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group.

Attending in place of his colleague, Dr Karen Groves, Dr Jones explained the importance of having a 'named spokesperson' and how this differs from lasting power of attorney legal arrangements.

He also explained to the group the concept of an advanced decision to refuse treatment and how this can be arranged. In the next few years, it is planned that more than 800 health professionals will be trained by the hospice in such matters.

A number of questions were raised by the audience, including which areas Queenscourt Hospice serves. In reply to this Dr Jones explained that the area goes as far east as Skelmersdale/Up Holland, as far north as Tarleton and on the southern side, to Formby.

The hospice cares for patients aged 18 years and older but provides support for the whole family.

He went on to explain that it costs £3 million per year to run Queenscourt with less than a third of this amount coming from government funding. The remainder is raised and donated by members of the public including a great number of small donations which really add up, along with the proceeds of coffee shops, charity shops and sponsored events.

The hospice has 10 in-patient beds, but contrary to what many people think, a great deal of their work is providing services to outpatients. This includes helping with symptom control, such as pain relief; procedures like blood transfusions; occupational therapy; physiotherapy and provision of equipment; complementary therapies for day patients, such as relaxation and aromatherapy; and creative therapy such as art classes.

Hospice staff may also go into schools, providing bereavement support for children, as well as helping patients in care homes and providing the Queenscourt at Home service.

Dr Tim Jones at the Breathe Easy group meeting

Referrals to the hospice come from both Ormskirk and Southport hospitals and GPs.

At the conclusion of the talk, one of the members thanked Dr Jones and all his colleagues, for the "excellent support" that Queenscourt provides for communities.

And Patricia Ireland from the Southport and West Lancashire Breathe Easy group commented: "Dr. Jones brought a number of excellent booklets and leaflets which he gave out to everyone present. These included *Planning for Your Future Care*, a detailed and very helpful publication, encouraging people to have conversations with their nearest and dearest about their future wishes and care."

The group's next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, when Mark Wenman of the North West Ambulance Service will be the guest speaker. This will be at the Guide HQ, Green Lane, Ormskirk, starting at 11am with light refreshments and finishing at about 12.30pm.

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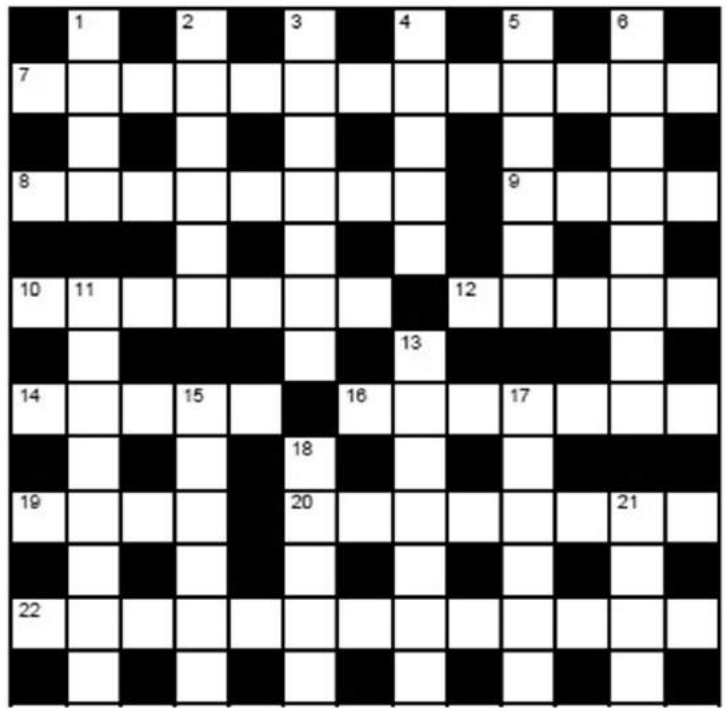

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19. Freshwater fish similar to the roach (4)
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DOWN

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5. Exert vigorously or to full capacity (6)
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Work underway on state-of-the-art depot for Merseyrail's new fleet of trains

A computer-generated image of what the new Merseyrail trains will look like

Report by **Henry James**

GROUND work has started on a new state-of-the-art depot where all maintenance work for the controversial new Merseyrail trains, due to be introduced in 2020, will take place.

Warrington-based BAM Nuttall are currently undertaking enabling works after being awarded the contract by Stadler Rail Services, who will be manufacturing and maintaining the new fleet.

Preliminary work is due to start in October, with the depot in Kirkdale, set to be complete by 2019, in time for the arrival of new trains for testing.

However the RMT union has challenged the arrival of the new trains, which will be driver only operated, and will see the role of the guard abolished. During the last few months staff have been striking on the issue and further strikes were held this week.

However, Merseyrail are pressing on with the purchase. Features of the new depot will include:

- The creation of a maintenance facility for the new state-of-the-art Stadler trains.
- A driving cab simulator, including a full-size mock-up of a driver's cab, facilities for a link between the trainer and trainee and a lecture theatre for people to observe the training.
- A new train washing facility.
- Stabling capacity for up to 30 trains.
- New offices and welfare facilities for the maintenance workforce.

Meanwhile, the existing Birkenhead depot will remain essential to operations, with plans for a second new train washing facility. Detailed plans are still being developed for this site.

> '...it's the first real visible sign that these new trains are coming...'

Thomas Zweifel, programme director and deputy CEO UK for Stadler said: "Stadler will implement in the Kirkdale depot its state-of-the-art technology and maintenance expertise.

"The significant local investment and up-skilling of local workforce are strengthening the Merseyside industrial sector and will overall result in a positive economic impact.

"Stadler is excited to be involved in this project that will see new trains on the Merseyrail network in 2020."

David Powell, Merseytravel's programme director for the new trains said: "The new depot at Kirkdale and the refurbished depot at Birkenhead North will be essential in keeping our new trains reliable, clean and serving the Liverpool City Region well.

"The start of the ground works at Kirkdale is an exciting milestone – the first real visible sign that these new state-of-the-art trains are coming."

Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde, Merseyrail's managing director, added: "The start of the work to overhaul Kirkdale depot is another step along the way to transform the Merseyrail network, moving us a stage closer to the introduction of new trains.

"We welcome this much needed upgrade, which will take the depot into the 21st century, equipped to maintain the trains to a very high standard."

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Charity calls for feedback on noisy restaurants

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Surveys consistently show that diners are put off restaurants where there is loud noise.

NOISY restaurants have been in the news recently with surveys suggesting diners are put off eating out because of the high background din that accompanies their meal out.

Now a charity is urging people in West Lancashire with hearing loss to give feedback to restaurants about noise levels.

One survey shows customers would be more likely to eat out if restaurants were quieter.

National charity Action on Hearing Loss says that diners without hearing loss are also fed up with having to compete with restaurant noise on their nights out and are increasingly turning to takeaways.

The charity, which campaigns for equality for those suffering hearing loss, says that noise levels in some popular restaurants can top 90 decibels on busy nights, which is the equivalent of eating next to a motorcycle or lawnmower.

As part of its Speak Easy campaign last year the action group carried out a survey on people with and without hearing loss and found that 91% of all respondents said they would not return to a restaurant where the noise levels were too high. And 76% of people with hearing loss said they would visit more cafes, pubs and restaurants if noise levels were lower.

A more recent survey of 1,200 people from the general public revealed that over 43% of potential diners have opted to get a takeaway instead of going out for a meal, with 91% stating that they wouldn't return to a noisy place.

Readings

The charity is now urging Sefton residents (which numbered 57,000 by 2014) with hearing loss to take decibel readings at restaurants using a mobile phone app and proactively give feedback to restaurants on their noise levels, either by contacting them directly or by leaving reviews on sites such as TripAdvisor to help others decide if the venue is suitable for them.

Paul Breckell, Action on Hearing Loss chief executive, said: "These results demonstrate the business case for restaurants putting some real consideration into their acoustics.

"There are thousands of people in our area that have some degree of hearing loss and they are beginning to spend money elsewhere.

"Everyone loves going out for a meal but with an increasing variety of takeaway options and the intrusive background noise levels exacerbated by fashionable hard surfaces, it's no wonder customers are opting to stay in."

Public invited to care trust conference

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the public are invited to Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's annual members meeting and membership conference on Wednesday, October 25.

The conference will run from 9.30am to 3.15pm at Chorley Town Hall, Market Street.

This year's meeting will include the formal presentation of the annual accounts and gives the public the opportunity to put questions to the trust board.

The theme of the conference will focus around partnership working with a strong emphasis on showcasing outstanding collaborative projects which support practical health and wellbeing outcomes for service users.

The event is also a great opportunity to find out more about trust services and getting more involved in Lancashire Care by becoming a volunteer or joining as a member.

Opportunity

David Keddie Stakeholder Engagement Manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: " We hope to see lots of our members and members of the public at the event and hope they take the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the services we provide.

"The meeting will provide an update about what is going on in your local area and there will also be a chance to speak with current governors to find out about their roles.

"This is also a great opportunity for anyone interested in working with the trust as a governor so please come along to find out more about getting involved."

There are two public governor vacancies available in the West Lancashire area, including St Helens, Southport and Formby. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Tuesday, November 7.

If you would like to attend the annual members meeting or membership conference, call 01772 695384 or email engagement@lancashirecare.nhs.uk. Places are limited so get in touch early to make sure you don't miss out.

If you are interested in becoming a member visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/join-us.

Journalist to give talk to U3A group

JOURNALIST Joe Riley will give a talk entitled 'Who do you think you are?' at the next meeting of the Aughton & Ormskirk branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A).

This will be held at Christ Church in Long Lane, Aughton on Thursday, October 5 starting at 10.30am.

The former arts editor will recall stories and events he has covered and personalities he has met during his long career in journalism.

All members are welcome, along with friends and neighbours. There is no charge for this meeting.

Coffee will be served beforehand in the Scout & Guide HQ next door between 9.30 and 10.15am.

£500 boost for charity

A WEST Lancs charity which provides sports and activities for people with learning disabilities has been awarded £500 by a local council-led partnership.

Burscough-based Sporting Challenge is made up of a group of parents and carers. It supports around 45 people helping them to keep fit and healthy with evening and weekend activities including ten-pin bowling, aerobics, swimming and boccia/kurling at local sports centres.

The charity has been awarded £500 by Active West Lancs, a partnership commissioned by Lancashire County Council to deliver a three-year programme to improve health and well-being across the borough.

The five partners involved are West Lancashire Borough Council, Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative, West Lancs School Sports Partnership, West Lancs CVS Community Food Growing and West Lancs Community Leisure Trust. Together they offer programmes of early intervention and prevention activities for physical activity, weight management and obesity prevention.

Edward McCarthy, Sporting Challenge activities co-ordinator, said: "This is great news and will fund some of our evening activities in the future. It is great that Sporting Challenge are involved in this project."

Members of Sporting Challenge taking part in a group activity.

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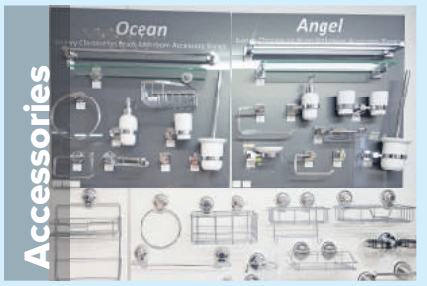

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West Lancs mayor and mayoress Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey cut the ribbon to launch celebrations at the West Lancashire Light Railway 50th anniversary.

Railway celebrates 'golden age'!

THE West Lancashire Light Railway has celebrated 50 years of preserving industrial heritage with a family fun weekend.

The railway was started in September, 1967 by six local schoolboys concerned by the loss of small, narrow-gauge industrial railways. Through family connections they were able to lay track at Alty's brickwork's, near Hesketh Bank station, and since then it has grown into a working museum featuring steam engines, diesel locomotives, and electric railway equipment.

To celebrate the railway's golden milestone organisers held a two-day family fun event giving visitors the opportunity to get up close to steam locomotives and enjoy a host of activities and entertainment including model railways, a children's fairground and traditional games, vintage bus rides and live music.

Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey and his wife, Julie cut the ribbon to launch the celebrations and also in attendance were founder members, David Gearing, Alan Jones, Martin Smith, Paul Smith, Neil McMurdy and chairman Mike Spall.

The 430-yard railway in Station Road, which is run entirely by volunteers, is open every Sunday until the end of October, plus two weekends in December for Santa special events.

Urgent need for more GPs, says health watchdog chief

A SENIOR official of a health watchdog says more GPs are "urgently" needed in Lancashire after figures revealed a drop in their numbers across the county, including West Lancs.

In 2015 figures from NHS Digital showed that there were 77 GPs in the county for every 100,000 of the population.

Now there are 75, amounting to a drop overall of 19 full-time equivalent posts.

Although some parts of Lancashire have seen numbers rise slightly, in West Lancashire (along with Blackpool, Chorley and South Ribble, Preston, and Fylde and Wyre) they have gone down.

Mike Wedgeworth, chairman of Healthwatch Lancashire, described as 'the public voice for health and social care' in the county, said: "The government has promised to provide for 5,000 new GPs by 2020 and our feedback from the public shows that they are urgently needed.

"Our research shows that, while everyone who works in the NHS is hugely appreciated by those who use it, there is a growing problem of finding timely appointments with our GPs.

"50% of the public we spoke to across 25 surgeries in the county struggled to get an urgent appointment on the same day, whilst 21% struggled to get routine appointments.

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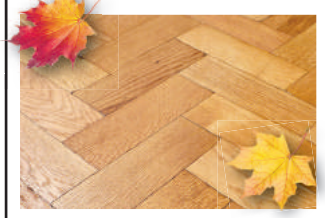

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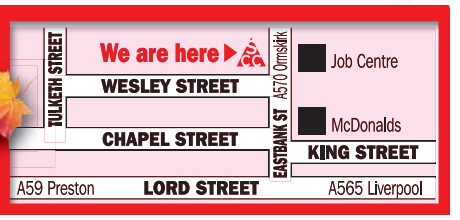

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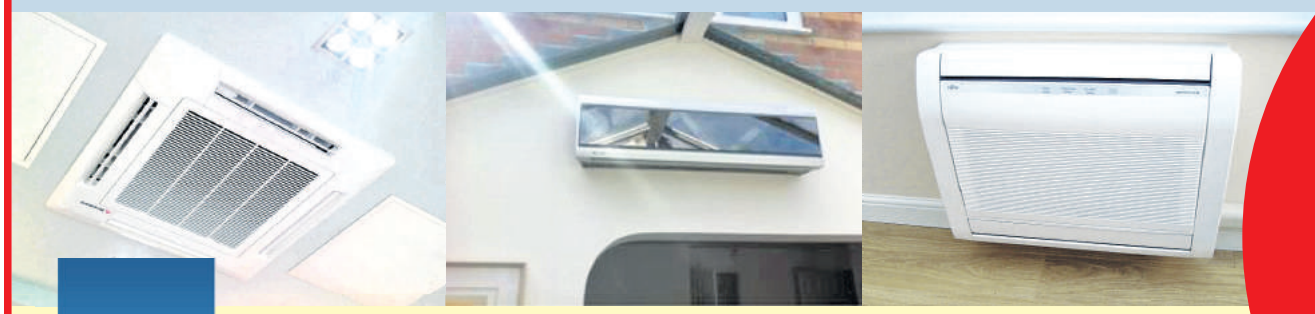

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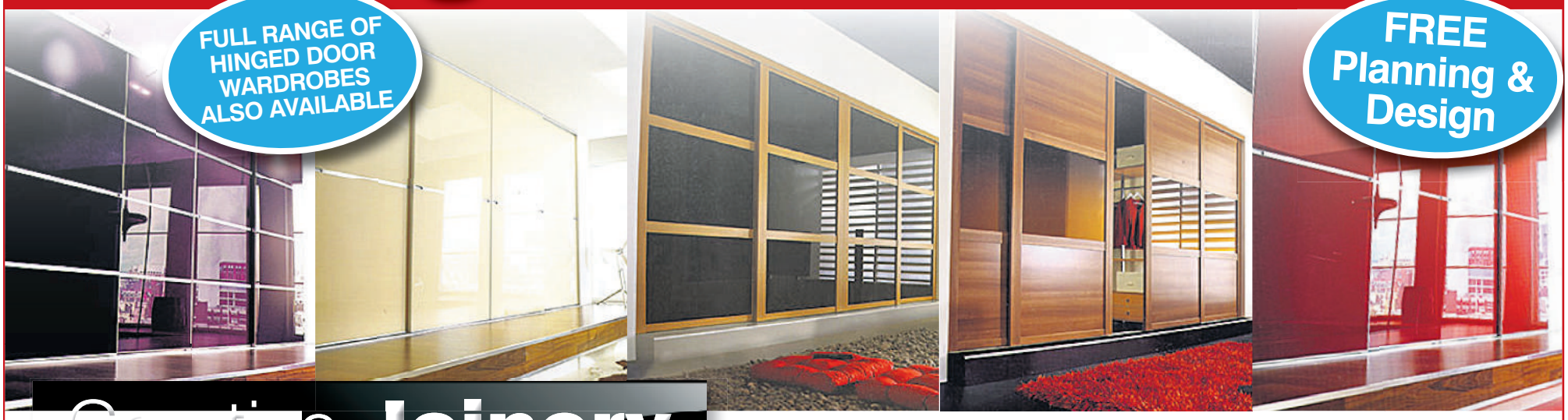

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Diabetes team join in drive to raise awareness of hypoglycaemia

HEALTH professionals from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's diabetes services are taking part in a national drive to raise awareness of hypoglycaemia, a short-term complication of diabetes, in a bid to improve staff knowledge and patient care.

Staff are taking part in a seven-day campaign to reduce episodes of, the condition as part of Hypo Awareness Week (October 2 to 8).

Hypoglycaemia, also known as a hypo, can happen when the blood glucose levels of people with diabetes drop too low and, as a result, they feel shaky and unwell and risk slipping into a coma.

Sue Dermott from the Preston Diabetes Service at Lancashire Care said: "We're delighted to be supporting Hypo Awareness Week at the trust. We're continuously working to raise awareness about hypoglycaemia and linking in with other organisations. We will be asking staff and people living with diabetes how best to treat the condition and what they expect staff to know about prevention."

Staff from the trust have been distributing resources, leaflets, guidelines to help raise awareness about hypoglycaemia and will have stands at Minerva Health Centre in Preston and Royal Preston Hospital throughout the week to raise staff awareness of hypoglycaemia.

Around one in six hospital beds (17 per cent) are occupied by a person with diabetes, according to the 2016 results of the National Diabetes Inpatient Audit. Latest results from the bedside survey show that hypoglycaemic episodes in hospitals, both mild and severe, have decreased from 26 percent in 2011 to 20 percent in 2016.

Age UK launches Big Bag Challenge

AGE UK is encouraging people to declutter and donate their unworn or unwanted clothes to its Big Bag Challenge to help support lonely older people.

As part of its annual stock appeal, the charity is calling on the public to donate as many bags of quality, unused clothing or goods as possible.

The target is to reach 100,000 bags of goods nationwide in just two weeks.

From Monday, October 9 volunteers at the charity's shop in Burscough Street, Ormskirk will be on hand to receive bags of donations.

All types of quality goods are accepted, including clothing, shoes, books, accessories and homewares.

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Strictly favourite performing in show

FLASHDANCE – The Musical returns to the UK for the first time since 2011 starring Strictly favourite Joanne Clifton and singer-songwriter Ben Adams, and will play The Liverpool Empire from October 16 to 21 as part of an extensive UK tour.

Strictly Come Dancing 2016 Champion Joanne Clifton, who is fresh from playing Millie Dillmount in the No. 1 UK Tour of Thoroughly Modern Millie for which she garnered rave reviews, will be taking on the role of Alex Owens. She will be joined on stage by boy band heart-throb Ben Adams who will be playing Nick Hurley.

Flashdance - The Musical tells the story of 18-year-old Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night, who dreams of going to the prestigious Shipley Dance Academy and becoming a professional dancer.

When a romance complicates her ambitions, she harnesses it to drive her dream. Based on the Paramount Pictures film (Screenplay by Tom Hedley and Joe Eszterhas, story by Tom Hedley) Flashdance is an inspiring musical about the power of holding onto your dreams and love against all odds. The show includes the hits: Maniac, Manhunt, Gloria, I Love Rock & Roll and the award-winning title track Flashdance - What a Feeling.

Joanne Clifton is no stranger to being at the top, as she is also a World & European Champion ballroom dancer, and is one of very few pro dancers to have won both the main Strictly glitter ball with Ore Oduba last year and the Christmas Special in 2015 with Harry Judd.

Joanne made her musical theatre debut in the role of Streetwalker in the UK premiere of the Irving Berlin musical Face The Music, for which she was nominated for an Off West End Award. She followed this up with a turn as Marilyn Monroe in the Norma Jeane Musical and then tread the boards as Millie Dillmount in the No. 1 UK Tour of Thoroughly Modern Millie.

She is now excited to take on her latest starring role as Alex Owens in the UK Tour of Flashdance. Joanne said: "This is just another dream come true! I think everyone in the world whether dancer or non-dancer, as soon as they hear What a Feeling, remember that iconic scene at the end of the film and I'm so incredibly lucky that I get to do that every night in a UK TOUR along with fabulous numbers like She's a Maniac."

Flashdance proved a hit, and remained in the Top 10 Box Office in the States for 15 weeks after release. The original score also proved hugely popular, with the soundtrack album selling 700,000 copies within two weeks of release. The platinum selling hit title track Flashdance – What A Feeling won both an Academy Award and a Golden Globe in 1983, with the soundtrack winning a Grammy Award.

Simeon Beckett, Rhodri Watkins, Joanne Clifton, Ross Meagrow and Alex Christian in Flashdance. Picture by Brian Hartley

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New play looks into what it means to be poor in UK

LAID Bare Theatre has announced the full cast of The Value of Nothing, a new play written by Kim Wiltshire (an Edge Hill lecturer) and directed by Joyce Branagh.

The Value of Nothing, which explores what it means to be poor in the UK today, comes to The Arts Centre, Ormskirk, on October 10 opening its tour of the North West, Cumbria and the Midlands from October 10 to November 8.

The Value of Nothing explores the salient social issues of unemployment, the benefits system and UK welfare through multimedia and audience participation. The recent news reports that claim that welfare reforms have driven an increase in homelessness across the UK by 135% highlight the topicality and importance of these themes, and the performances of the play commence shortly after the Conservative Party Conference 2017.

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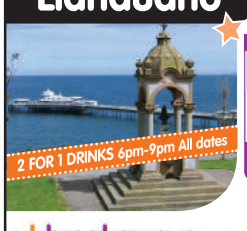

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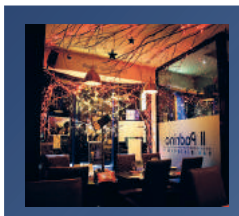

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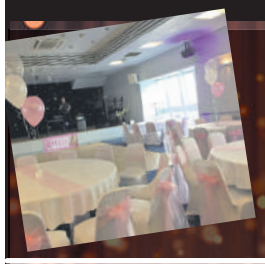

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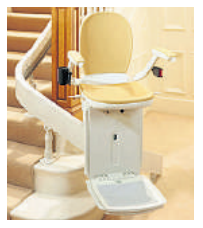

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MOTHER AND BABY

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Application packs are available from our website **www.olqp.org.uk** or from the HR Manager, Mrs N Barber, or email **n.barber@olqp.lancs.sch.uk.**

Closing date for applications:
Monday 16th October 2017 at 12.00 noon
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MORELAND IRENE

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to relatives, friends and everyone for their kindness, cards, messages of support and donations received during their recent sad loss of Irene.
Special thanks to everyone who attended the funeral service and to Minister Bill Mainey for his kind words of comfort.
Thank you all at Care Connect, Cloisters Care Home, and Millbrook Nursing Home, for the good times and care given to Irene.
Also to the staff on wards 14A at Southport Hospital.
Finally thank you so much to the wonderful team at David Clegg Independent Funeral Directors for truly going the extra mile

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MOORE PATRICK

The family of the late Pat Moore who died peacefully at home wish to thank sincerely all friends and neighbours for their cards, Mass cards, flowers and messages of sympathy. Also members of the Catenian Association and Hillside Golf Club who attended the Funeral Mass. Special thanks to Fr. Tony Slingo for a wonderful Requiem Mass.
Dean Brothers of Formby, Funeral Directors for an excellent dignified service and many thanks also to Delta carers who attended Pat throughout his long illness.

MORRIS ANN

Elaine & Caroline wish to express sincere thanks to all their family and friends for the support, kind words and generous donations to Arthritis Research UK received during this sad time.
Thanks also to Rev Wilfred Robinson for his caring ministrations and H Johnson Funeral Directors Banks for their dignified funeral arrangements.

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JONES EILEEN

The family of Eileen would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and support, cards and generous donations at this sad time.
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6th October

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IN MEMORIAM

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5th October 1997

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DEATHS

DAY GEORGE

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Aged 71 years

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George will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

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HOLIDAY HELEN

1st October 2017
Passed away after an accident at home aged nearly 80 years of Ormskirk

Devoted Wife of Jeff, Much Loved Mum of Anna, Peter and Clare, and Loving Grandma of her 7 Grandchildren. Funeral Service and Interment at Greenacres, Rainford on Wednesday 11th October at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for St. Pauls Eye Hospital, Liverpool. Further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel 01695 424888

DEATHS

HOLDEN THOMAS BARRY

Peacefully in his sleep on 29th September 2017
Aged 79
in Southport Hospital.

Wonderful Husband to Veronica, Dad to Colin and Kevin, Father-in-law to Catherine and Alyson, Grandad to Jessica and Thomas, Eliza and William. He will be sadly missed and dearly remembered by all who knew him. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematoriam on Monday 9th October at 10.45am. Afterwards at The Stanley Inn Burscough. Family flowers only. Donations are being gratefully received for Parkinsons Uk Ormskirk Branch or Alzheimers Society. Enquiries to Craven Funeral Directors, 44 Liverpool Rd, Lydiate, Liverpool L31 2LZ. Tel: 0151 531 7890

MAINEY MARGARET

Passed away on 27th September 2017 of cancer.

Margaret was a devoted and loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and friend. She will be joining her adoring Husband Michael of 55 years in heaven forever, who she missed deeply. Margaret is survived by her Son Mark and Rebecca, Madison, Devyn; her Son Karl and Amanda, Hamish, Jonty, Ferguson; her Daughter Lynne and Luke, Danielle, Amy; her Sisters Jeni and Sandra; her Sister-in-law Winnie; many treasured, Nieces, Nephews, in-laws and friends too numerous to list but so dear to her heart. Funeral service will be held on Monday 9 October 2017 at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1.45pm. Please make any charitable donations to the Macmillan Cancer Support or Cancer Research UK. Donations & further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888.

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26th September 2017
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Aged 85 years
of Lathom

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Funeral Service and Interment at St. James Church Westhead, on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 11.00am. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for St. James Church Westhead and Crabtree Mission. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tele: 01695 424888

BRAITHWAITE BERYL

26th September 2017
Aged 86 years
Died peacefully at home.

Beryl will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th October at 3:20pm. Flowers welcome. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

JELLEY HILARY JOY

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EDWARDS ANN CAROLINE (CAROL)

25th September 2017
Peacefully in Warren Park Nursing Home, aged 82 years

Much loved by all her family and friends. Carol will be sadly missed. Service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 6th October 2017 at 11.20am. Family flowers only please, if desired donations to Dementia UK or Macmillan Nurses c/o H-Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. 0151 924 4805.

SHEPHERD ERIC FORSYTH

30th September 2017
Peacefully surrounded by his family, aged 80 years

Funeral service at St. Gregory's Church, Lydiate on Thursday 12th October at 10.30am followed by cremation at West Lancs Crematorium. All enquiries to Cravens Funeral Service, 44 Liverpool Road, Lydiate L31 2LZ. Tel 0151 5317890.

DEATHS

LEITCH BETTY

1926- 2017
Betty died peacefully on 17th September

All friends are invited to her funeral on 9th October at St Luke's Church,Crosby at 1:30pm.

TILLEY NORMAN ALFRED

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On 26th September 2017
Aged 74 years

Much loved Husband of Anne. Much loved Dad of Darren, Collette and Louise. Dear Father-In-Law of Margaret, Mike and Marty. Dear Grandad of Danielle, Darren, Stacey, Steven, Charlotte, Rebecca, Jay and Emily. Norman will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 9th October 2017 at 1pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for British Heart Foundation.
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Requiem Mass at St Oswald's RC Church, Longton on Monday 9th October at 10.30am, prior to interment in the churchyard. All are welcome to attend. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice c/o the funeral director.Enquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton PR4 6UQ
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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0960/WL3 36 x 2 bed semi detached houses, affordable rent. To be retained by WLBC at Land Towards The Eastern End Of, Beechtrees, Digmoor, Skelmersdale.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0843/FUL Demolition of Block 31 (former 2 storey male nurses home) and provide car parking expansion for patients and visitors. This will result in the creation of 92 parking spaces but a loss of 6 giving a net gain of 86 parking spaces for the site at Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
Application No: 2017/0934/COU Change of use to form upcycling furniture store/demonstration works/gallery/coffee bar at 4 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/0948/FUL Installation of 9no. sash windows to the front elevation of the dwellinghouse at Eastwood, Quarry Drive, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0954/FUL Alteration of the shop front at 5 The Common, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0975/OUT Outline - Conversion of Lancaster House SoNDdN Convent to care village including details of access, layout and scale at Sisters Of Notre Dame Convent, Lancaster Lane, Parbold.
Application No: 2017/0978/LBC Listed Building Consent - Installation of stop planks and clay bund above the top gate; installation of timber footbridge below bottom gate at Eastern Lock Of Pair On Northern By-pass Channel, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
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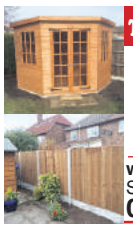

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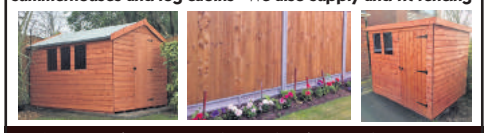

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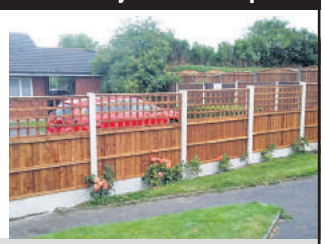

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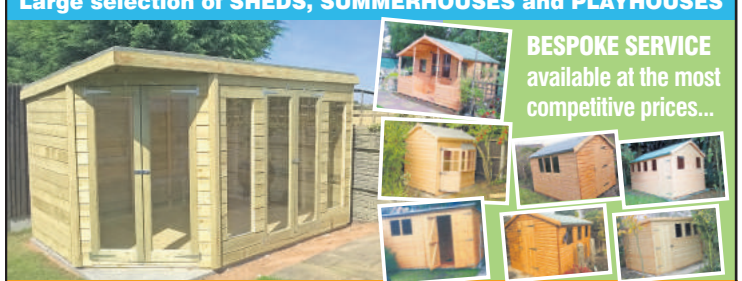

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For me it's trying to explain Jaguar Land Rover's plans for world domination to someone who doesn't understand cars. The Jaguar stuff's fairly simple – you start with the wonderful XJ, replicate in slightly smaller sizes and then chuck in a two-seater sports car for good measure, but I'm lost when it comes to Land Rover.

There's no Land Rover-shaped Land Rover any more, a Discovery that looks just like a Range Rover Evoque, and a big Discovery that's now tremendously ugly.

Then there's the Range Rover, but it's accompanied by another Range Rover that obsesses over Nurburgring lap times and looking good outside footballers' homes, a really small Range Rover that now looks a bit like a Land Rover Discovery Sport, and the Velar, which sits somewhere between the two. All of which hurts my head (and probably yours) slightly. So rumours that JLR's looking to expand its range of offerings even further are going to have me reaching for the Nurofen.

The manufacturer's Indian bosses are reportedly thinking about snapping up another brand to boost its luxury offerings, with everything from Aston-Martin to MG under consideration. Even Jeep's been linked to a potential deal, although this would be a bit like Liverpool snapping up Arsenal.

Then there's serious consideration apparently being given to launching what's being dubbed the 'Road Rover', which would be a sort of tarmac-orientated twin to Land Rover's current offerings. All of which would make it… a Rover, surely?

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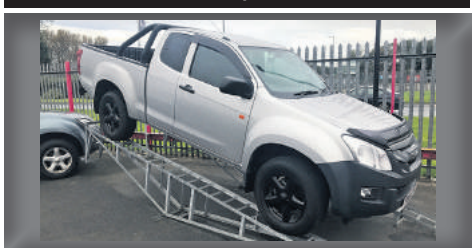

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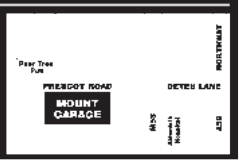

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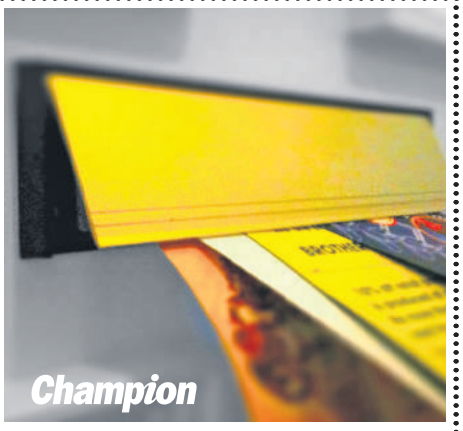

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New boss Powell earns point in six-goal thriller

Goole 3
Skelmersdale United 3

NEW manager Dave Powell oversaw an exciting first game in charge of Skelmersdale as his team earned a draw in a six-goal thriller, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

By the final whistle Skelmersdale had fought hard for a point, equalising three times and coming desperately close to winning in the last moments.

But the game didn't start well for Skem, as Goole grabbed an eighth minute lead.

Home goalkeeper Ben Saynor kicked the ball the length of the pitch, number nine Scott Smith headed it on and Marcus Edwards found himself beyond the Skelmersdale defence who slipped the ball low into the Skem goal.

Skelmersdale soon pushed to level matters when Lewis Codling had a dipping shot tipped over the crossbar while Andy Owens fired wide from 25 yards.

It was noticeable that Owens was causing a great deal of consternation and he won a penalty when he was held by a defender.

After a period of debate involving mainly Goole players and the referee, Owens drove the ball low to keeper Saynor's left-hand side to make it 1-1.

It took Goole just six minutes to restore their lead. Piteu Crouz won the ball in the middle and quickly slipped the it down the inside-right channel, Edwards set off at pace and after holding off Callum Jones he fired the ball low across Jack Sims into the far corner to make it 2-1.

Dave Powell's first interval team talk had been a good one and Skelmersdale looked more purposeful after the restart.

In the 61st minute Skelmersdale got their second equaliser plus got the bonus of Goole being reduced to ten men.

Owens' shot was on target when it was handled on the line by Goole's Jake Stannard, a second penalty was awarded and quite rightly Stannard was sent-off.

This time from the spot Owens elected to send Saynor the wrong way, the method worked and it was 2-2.

Goole were now relying on counterattacks and on one such move they won a free-kick on the right. The ball was hoisted into the goalmouth a Skem defender headed the ball on and Varley had a free header at the far post to make it 3-2 to Goole on 75 minutes.

With a minute left on the clock Skem went on the offensive again, and a shot was parried to substitute Razzaq Coleman De-Graft, who calmly slotted home to make it 3-3.

● *This Saturday Skelmersdale are in action in the FA Trophy Preliminary Round when they travel to Mossley.*

Nine man Linnets hit for four

Burscough 1
Irlam 4

After last week's 6-0 victory bigger things were expected of Burscough when they entertained Irlam on Saturday, but team changes and a couple of red cards were just too much to overcome.

The Linnets were up against it from the fourth minute when Liam Morrison curled a shot into the net to open the scoring.

Burscough initially bounced back and levelled via a long range rocket from Josh Dunroe. After the equaliser Burscough gave as good as they took for a period in an even encounter.

However, things went against Dave Sutton's side on the half-hour, Gareth Meredith cut in from the left and was put through on goal, his finish was excellent, a text book shot across goalkeeper Louis McCarthy.

Burscough twice came close to making it two each before the interval. Lee Healey having a shot magnificently saved by Irlam goalkeeper Lee White, before Derek Szanto was denied by the keeper's safe hands as his header threatened.

Things looked promising for Burscough as the second-half started, but in the 50th minute they suffered the first body blow of a half that was not to be a good one, Morrison driving a shot low into the net to make it 3-1 to Irlam.

On the hour it got worse for Burscough when Hafeez Hamzat was sent off again.

15 minutes later fate struck again as Neil Hulme was issued with a red card, allegedly for grabbing an opponent.

Two minutes later Morrison completed his hat-trick to make it 4-1. Burscough's next game is on Tuesday, October 10 at home to Winsford.

Liverpool & District Cricket Competition review - First and Second Division

THIS week the Champion continues its round-up of the 2017 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition and how our local sides fared.

Last week we looked at the Premier Division so this week it's the turn of the First and Second Divisions.

In the First Division, Burscough finished in sixth place.

Leading the way with the bat were skipper Jon Stone with 516 runs @ 34.40 inc 5 x 50 HS 82*, Ben Van Niekerk 411 @ 27.40 inc 2 x 50 HS 55, Brendon Domigan 391 @ 39.10 inc 3 x 50 HS 96* and Chris Andrews 355 @ 25.36 inc 2 x 50 HS 54, Van Niekerk took the most wickets with 45 @ 15.80 best of 6-21, followed by Chris Andrews with 41 @ 12.44 best of 6-29 and Rob Glaysher with 22 @ 18.05 best of 4-22, in the field Van Niekerk took 14 catches and Ryan Hughes 8, whilst Michael Bimpson took 25 victims behind the stumps.

Fleetwood Hesketh finished in ninth place and leading the way with the bat were Jack Wrigglesworth with 642 runs @ 32.10 inc 1 x 100 & 3 x 50 HS 100*, Neil Rimmer 578 @ 30.42 inc 1 x 100 & 3 x 50 HS 102*, Lee Bolton 464 @ 25.78 inc 4 x 50 HS 85 and Huw Summerfield 330 @ 19.41 inc 2 x 50 HS 63, Wrigglesworth also led the way with the ball with 35 wickets @ 22.14 best of 5-21, whilst Danny Murphy took 30 @ 17.77 best of 7-33 and Owen Lloyd-Drummond took 23 @ 22.65 best of 4-16, in the field Neil Rimmer took 8 catches and Wrigglesworth 8, whilst a combination of four keepers took 25 victims between them behind the stumps.

Hightown St Mary's were relegated after going through the whole season without a single win, leading the way on his own with bat was Matty White with 595 runs @ 28.33 inc 2 x 100 & 1 x 50 HS 136, with skipper Jim Kelly weighing in with 205 @ 12.06 inc 1 x 50 HS 63, bowling sides out proved a major problem with Jack Cosgrove taking 14 wickets @ 44.57 best of 3-43 and Paul Jones also taking 14 @ 37.07 best of 4-52, in the field White took 9 catches, whilst Joe Smith and Shaun Vosloo both took 7 victims behind the stumps.

In the Second Division, Maghull finished just short of promotion in third place and leading the way with the bat were Liam Crilly with 596 runs @ 54.18 inc 2 x 100 & 4 x 50 HS 133*, Jon Ring 591 @ 42.21 inc 1 x 100 & 3 x 50 HS 146, Greg Gillespie 582 @ 41.57 inc 7 x 50 HS 76*, William Mashinge 425 @ 42.50 inc 1 x 100 & 2 x 50 HS 100* and skipper Paul Walters 395 @ 18.81 in 2 x 50 HS 77, Mashinge led the way with the ball with 41 wickets @ 12.61 best of 6-11, with Anthony Molloy taking 35 @ 14.20 best of 10-40 and followed by Crilly with 22 @ 22.23 best of 5-40, in the field Walters took 14 catches and Paul McKenna took 25 victims behind the stumps.

Southport Trinity finished in seventh place with Hayden McCrae leading not only the second division run scoring chart but also the leagues chart with an incredible 1291 runs @ 80.69 inc 6 x 100 & 6 x 50 HS 203*, with Tony Campbell scoring 550 @ 28.95 inc 4 x 50 HS 82, Jake Sunderland led the way with the ball with 30 wickets @ 18.17 best of 5-35 followed by Liam Simms who took 22 @ 24.59 best of 4-40, in the field Wim Van Der Walt held on to 25 catches, McCrae 13 with Campbell and Simms each holding 9, whilst skipper Geoff Thornton took 18 victims behind the stumps.

Now to the most ducks list that nobody likes to top but all those not on it like to see, Jan Gadzina , Paul Jones, Danny Murphy and Liam Simms all had 5 each, whilst Bobby Eyes, Steve Gregory, and Jon Stone all had 4.

Well that's it for approx six months, thanks to all who've helped me out over the summer months with various bits of information about your clubs. I hope you've enjoyed reading the reports as much as I've enjoyed compiling them, winter well and all the best for 2018.

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